
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER STATE
AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURE BY GATHERING INFORMATION
ON TRANSITIONAL PLANS FOR THE CREATION OF A SOVEREIGN
NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNING ENTITY.

1 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Legislature passed and Governor Neil
2 Abercrombie signed Act 195 to recognize Native Hawaiians as the
3 indigenous peoples of the Hawaiian Islands and create the Native
4 Hawaiian Roll Commission; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is in a unique
7 position to start the process of building a sovereign Native
8 Hawaiian government and bring people together to find common
9 ground because of its available resources, including its
10 capacity for consulting and providing technical assistance on
11 conducting an election for delegates, a Native Hawaiian
12 constitutional convention, the ratification of a constitution,
13 and the election of the representatives of a Nation; and

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15 WHEREAS, in March of 2014, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
16 launched an ambitious plan to build a Hawaiian Nation that is
17 funded independently of tax revenues; and

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19 WHEREAS, a consortium of groups, including the Lunalilo
20 Trust, Hale O Na' Ali'i, and the 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, has been
21 selected to be decision-makers within the Nation-building
22 process, and shall address and decide the role that the
23 descendants of the naturalized citizens of the Kingdom of Hawaii
24 will take in the process, design, and implementation of an
25 educational plan that covers different options for governance,
26 determine an apportionment plan, and set the dates for the
27 election of delegates, a constitutional convention, and the
28 ratification of the proposed constitution; and



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1 WHEREAS, in addition to technical support, the Office of
2 Hawaiian Affairs has pledged to support the consortium
3 financially but remain uninvolved in shaping the process or the
4 outcome in order to truly reflect what the certified Native
5 Hawaiian electors desire; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission has been
8 mandated to create a roll of certified Native Hawaiian electors
9 who will participate in the process of organizing a Native
10 Hawaiian governing entity and who will become the founding
11 members of the Nation's population; and

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13 WHEREAS, as of December 2014, an estimated 126,000 Native
14 Hawaiians have enrolled in the Native Hawaiian Roll; and

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16 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have now created an
17 internationally certifiable list and are entitled to restore a
18 government of their choosing; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Office of
23 Hawaiian Affairs is requested to submit its transitional plan
24 for the creation of a Native Hawaiian sovereign government to
25 the Legislature, including but not limited to its plan for
26 transferring all assets and resources to the political entity to
27 be created by the electors; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
30 is requested to contract with an independent third party for a
31 forensic audit of the office to be submitted to the Legislature
32 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2016
33 Regular Session; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
36 conduct a study to determine the financial responsibilities of
37 the State of Hawaii concerning the creation of a Native Hawaiian
38 sovereign government to be submitted to the Legislature no later
39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular
40 Session; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Legislative
2 Reference Bureau is requested to perform a survey of the Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes and currently operative Session Laws of Hawaii
4 to determine whether certain state laws concerning the Office of
5 Hawaiian Affairs or Hawaiian self-governance need to be modified
6 or repealed in light of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs'
7 transitional plan; provided that the Legislative Reference
8 Bureau is requested to submit its findings and recommendations
9 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
10 convening of the 2016 Regular Session; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
14 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Chair
15 of the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission, the Auditor, and the
16 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.
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OFFERED BY: 

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